

# 2018 POTTER'S LAKE CARP-OUT

**WHEN:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Free Fishing weekend - everyone can participate!

- Carp-Out will start Midnight(Friday night) on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and end at 5:00pm June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A **\$1 bounty** will be paid for all Carp over 6" in length brought to the check-in at the public launch. Volunteers will be at the check-in between 8am – 5pm.
- Additionally, three Carp have been specially tagged. A **\$100 bounty** will be paid for these Carp. The bounties on these three Carp will remain in effect until all three Carp have been caught, not just on the Carp-out weekend.
- Night fisherman can request a special check-in.
- More information can be found on the [www.potterslake.org](http://www.potterslake.org) website.



**WHY:** The Common Carp is an invasive species. I was intentionally introduced into Midwest waters as game fish in the 1880's. If not controlled, they can wreck havoc on a waterway.

- Common carp are one of the most damaging aquatic invasive species due to its wide distribution and severe impacts in shallow lakes and wetlands.
- Their feeding disrupts shallowly rooted plants muddying the water and disturbs native fish reproduction.
- Carp behavior releases phosphorus that increases algae abundance. One pound of phosphorus can produce 300 to 500 pounds of algae.
- Reduced water quality causes declines of native aquatic plants needed by waterfowl and native fish.